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DECLARATION OF WILLIAM P. FITCH III, MD UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

My name is William P. Fitch III, MD. I am a board certified urologist and practiced in the field of urology for twenty eight years. I received my primary medical training at Tulane Medical School and completed a residency in urology at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. .

My professional affiliations and activities are reflected in my curriculum vitae which is attached to this declaration.

As is typical for most urologists according to my experience, my practice from its inception has involved the treatment of men with Peyronie's disease. Urology is the field in which Peyronie's disease is treated, researched, and featured in peer reviewed journals. I am familiar with, and have been involved directly with delivery of all conventional treatments for Peyronie's disease. I am presently treating a substantial number of Peyronie's disease sufferers.

Until the introduction of topical calcium channel blocker preparations by Jerry Easterling, my practice in treating Peyronie's disease sufferers conformed to conventional treatment regimens. In cases of short-term Peyronie's disease symptoms, I typically recommended a wait-and-see approach in view of the capacity for certain Peyronie's disease symptoms to reverse spontaneously, and in further view of the expense, risk of side effects, frequent lack of efficacy, and (in some cases) excruciating pain involved in conventional treatments.

In cases of prolonged Peyronie's disease symptoms, without any indication of spontaneous healing, my practice evolved into suggesting surgical intervention, but only after trying (with very limited success) alternative treatment regimens which included intralesional injections of calcium channel blockers, the use of topical vitamin E, and a variety of other treatments which have been suggested in the urology field. Prior to Jerry Easterling's invention, surgical removal of the plaques of Peyronie's disease was the only consistently reliable treatment regimen in reversing Peyronie's disease symptoms. Such surgery involved not only the usual risks associated with any surgical procedure, as well as the cost, but in this particular case involved risks of post operative impotence and of diminished penile length and girth. Further still, surgical removal of Peyronie's disease plaques in no way insures that the condition will not return at a later time.

Upon initially hearing of Mr. Easterling's suggestion of a treatment for Peyronie's disease relying solely on a topical medication, I was extremely skeptical of any efficacy.

In view of the dismal efficacy of prior treatment regimens which involved direct intervention with the plaques of Peyronie's disease, I found it very difficult to believe that any topical preparation could have any material therapeutic effect in the treatment of Peyronie's disease. More specifically relating to Mr. Easterling's proposed topical verapamil preparation, I could not readily accept that a substance with limited efficacy when injected directly into the plaques of Peyronie's disease could possibly be effective when merely applied topically, even when combined with a vehicle for transdermal delivery.

After accepting the fact that there would be no undue risk to my Peyronie's disease patients, but with limited expectation of success, I prescribed Mr. Easterling's topical verapamil preparation to some of my longer suffering patients. To my astonishment, the topical verapamil achieved significant reversals of Peyronie's disease symptoms, even in cases of extremely prolonged and treatment resistance Peyronie's disease symptoms. Of 196 patients with penile curvature and treated with the topical verapamil preparation, 140 (71.4 percent) exhibited decreased curvature. Of 200 patients with measurable plaque, 173 (86.5 percent) had measurable improvement. Of 89 patients with erectile dysfunction related, at least in part, to Peyronie's disease, 49 (55.1 percent) experienced improvement in erectile rigidity. Of 70 patients with reported pain associated with Peyronie's disease 100 percent had complete relief of pain. There was only a 1.4 percent incidence of contact dermatitis, but two of three such patients

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improved with topical corticosteroids.

The rate of reversals of Peyronie's disease symptoms enjoyed by my patient population far exceeded the rate of spontaneous reversals seen in prior experience, as well as that of prior non-surgical treatment regimens.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

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"Surgical Treatment of Veno-Occlusive Insufficiency Using Similar Preoperative Criteria in Multiple Treatment Centers".
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5th World Meeting on Impotence, Milan, Italy
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Annual Meeting, American Urological Association, San Antonio, Texas
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American Urological Association, Atlanta, Georgia
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